

SENATE BILL 37
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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section
68-3-203, relative to vital records.

WHEREAS, forty-seven of the fifty United States have specific laws or administrative processes allowing transgendered persons to change the sex designation on their birth certificates; and

WHEREAS, only three states, including Tennessee, refuse to allow transgendered persons the opportunity to correct their birth certificate; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee is the lone state in the country with a statute specifically prohibiting the correction of sex designation on a birth certificate; now, therefore,

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-3-203, is amended by deleting subsection (d) in its entirety and by substituting instead the following:

(d) Upon receipt of a sworn statement by a licensed physician indicating that the gender of an individual born in Tennessee has been changed by surgical procedure, the certificate of birth of the individual shall be amended to reflect the change.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.